

Remarks

Claims 1, 2, and 20-26 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner stated that claim 1 is generic to the following patentably distinct species of CA125 (SEQ ID NO:5) or a fragment thereof and required election of one species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

- 1) an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
- 2) an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 or a fragment thereof.
- 3) an isolated nucleic acid molecule that encodes and is adapted to express in cells residues 1-10,427 of SEQ ID NO:5 or a fragment of residues 1-10,427 of SEQ ID NO:5.

Applicant elects without traverse species (1), an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

Claims 1, 2, and 20-26 all read on the elected species.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-207-8270) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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